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Urban Tree Care Best Management Practices

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Following, is a listing of the best practices for managing trees around the home landscape. I'm not including much detail here because each of these practices have been covered in more detail within previous blog entries, so you can find more detail by using the archive search function on the right side of this entry. I encourage you to do so, if you'd like more information on a particular subject.

The Best Practices For Urban/Suburban Tree Care

1. Right Tree, Right Place – this practice will help you avoid most, if not all, of the future problems that might be encountered in the home, or community, landscape.
2. Plant/favor native species as much as possible – locals usually beat non-natives hands down – they're already adapted to the local environment.
3. Encourage a diversity of species and sizes – this way everything won't be wiped out all at once under most circumstances (not counting an EF-5 tornado direct hit), should disaster strike.
4. Use the best planting stock you can find and/or afford. Skimping here can be very costly in the long run.
5. Maintain existing trees properly – pruning properly, don't top, mulch, etc.
6. Protect trees from damage – watch for insect and disease attacks and treat when necessary, don't hit with mowers or weed whips, water when necessary, etc.

Properly caring for the trees in your homescape will result in a long term asset for you and future owners of your property. Good growing!